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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The present invention concerns an apparatus for handling rotor blades of wind power installations. An apparatus for simplified handling of rotor blades is afforded by a rigid carrier element and at least one rotor blade receiving means fixedly connected thereto. In that respect the invention is based on the realisation that, in the ease of a rotor blade is received in the apparatus according to the invention, during a blade fitting procedure. The apparatus in particular may reduce the effect of the wind on the one hand and the effect of mass inertia on the other hand are reduced during the blade fitting procedure.